PRESENT—*cont.*

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Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Administration of Justice

Proposal to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court, Madras.

* 643 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Madras has urged upon the Government to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court, Madras;

(*b*) if so, what the specific reasons are on which the High Court has based its proposal; and

(*c*) whether a copy of those reasons and suggestions will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The High Court has stated that a large portion of the suits now tried by Judges on the Original Side can very well be heard by the Judge, City Civil Court; and that the proposal to increase the jurisdiction of that Court will enable it to reduce the arrears on the Original Side and to devote greater time to the clearing of the heavy arrears on the Appellate Side. It is not considered necessary to place the communications from the High Court on the subject on the table of the House.

Expenditure consequent on the proposal to raise the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Madras City Civil Court.

* 644 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined whether the increase in the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Madras City Civil Court will cost any additional expenditure to the Government;

(*b*) if so, what the extra cost is expected to be and how it is expected to arise; and

(*c*) whether there will be any corresponding reduction in the establishment and officers of the High Court on its original side?